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**Title: MULTI-INSTRUCTION SET FLAT PRESERVATION APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002 "Office Action", Applicant submits the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, and 17-18 are pending. Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

I. Summary of the Examiner's Objections/Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Guttag et al. "Guttag" U.S. Patent No. 6,173, 394 in view of applicant's specification. Claims 1-6, 10-13, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Favor "Favor" (WO 97/13194).